

**STATE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD 2015  
PANEL ON HOUSING  
COMMITMENTS AND FOLLOW-UP**

Topic	Issue	Commitments and Follow-up	Neighborhood organizations
Planning	Planning Initiative for the Egleston/Washington/Forest Hills Corridor	Councilors O'Malley and Pressley, and Rep. Liz Malia agreed that planning is important and they are committed to work with the community on requesting the BRA to formally adopt master planning as the main instrument to define future developments in the neighborhood.	ESMS, ESNA, JPNDC, Urban Edge, other neighborhood associations
	Developing the Arborway Yard	Councilor O'Malley and Rep. Liz Malia will continue their advocacy and support, working together with CPCAY. Senator Chang-Diaz will support this initiative, but warned about the MBTA financial problems as a significant obstacle.	CPCAY, JPNDC, other neighborhood associations
Regulations	Just Cause Eviction Campaign	Councilors O'Malley, Pressley and Jackson; Reps. Malia and Sanchez; and Sen. Chang-Diaz support this initiative and will do what is needed at the City and at the State to adopt this tenant protection.	City Life/Vida Urbana (Right to the City, Boston Tenant Coalition)
	Adopt the Boston Median Income instead of the Metropolitan Area Median Income	Councilors O'Malley and Pressley support this initiative and will advocate for that at the City level. Sheilla Dillon expressed that there are some regulations when federal funding is involved that require the Metropolitan Area Median Income.	JPNDC (Boston Tenant Coalition)
Resources	Adopt a Comprehensive Inclusionary Development Program	Councilors O'Malley, Pressley and Jackson agreed that increasing the percentage of affordable units to 25% is necessary and will do their best to support this initiative. Sheilla Dillon expressed the need to have more resources to develop affordable homes in every neighborhood.	JPNDC, City Life/Vida Urbana (Boston Tenant Coalition)
	Increase the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund by \$15 million in FY16	Rep. Sanchez agreed that this is a very important resource that has helped so many projects. He expressed his concern about the budget restrictions, and will do his best to keep this funding. He also expressed concerned about the lack of funding for public housing and his willingness to work on that. Rep. Malia and Senator Chang-Diaz will support the request.	JPNDC (Massachusetts Association of CDCs)
	Include the Community Preservation Act on Boston Ballot and Support its Approval	Councilors O'Malley, Pressley and Jackson agreed that a CPA campaign is needed, but 2016 is more promising than 2015. Reps. Malia and Senator Chang-Diaz will actively participate. Rep. Sanchez has doubts about the outcomes of CPA based on previous experiences in other towns in the State.	JPNDC (Boston Tenant Coalition and other City wide organizations)

